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References FZ-GT and the accompanying exhibits were brought to the attention of the Applicants in connection with an opposition to an Australian application that essentially corresponds to the U.S. priority application in this case.

Copies of references AA-AU and AY-FY were submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in connection with U. S. Application No. 09/623,725, filed November 20, 2000, and references AV-AX and FZ-GT were submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in connection with U.S. Application No. 10/084,488, filed February 28, 2002, to each of which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the Examiner is directed to the above-listed files for copies of references AA-GT referenced herein.

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